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Florianopolis.—In regard to Florianopolis, the capital of the State of Santa Catharina, I can give you the following data, referring to the year 1898:

The population is estimated at 15,000. The number of children born alive was 338, of stillborn, 35; from that results a nativity of 24.86 per one hundred. There died 212 males, and 181 females, total 393 persons; *i. e.*, a mortality of 26.2 per cent.

The principal diseases and the number of their victims were as follows: Aortitis, 12; athrepsy, 24; beriberi, 8; congestion of brain, 8; infantile eclampsy, 10; entero-colitis, 23; typhoid fever, 19; gastro-enteritis, 11; hepatitis, 13; impaludism, 16; heart disease, 16; meningitis, 14; tuberculosis, 60.

Since last report the following named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: September 1, bark *Julia Rollins*, American, for Baltimore. September 2, steamship *Hevelius*, Belgian, for New York; bark *Eudora*, British, for United States, via Barbados. September 4, steamship *Chicago*, American, for Barbados; steamship *Herschel*, British, for New Orleans. September 5, bark *Leanka*, British, for Pensacola. September 11, steamship *Biela*, British, for New York; steamship *Scottish Prince*, British, for New York. September 12, steamship *Livorno*, German, for New York. September 13, ship *Kings County*, British, for Ship Island. September 18, steamship *Newlyn of Newcastle*, British, for New York.

Respectfully, yours,

W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANARY ISLANDS.

Teneriffe quarantines against Portugal.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Teneriffe, September 18, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a very rigid quarantine has been imposed in this port against vessels from Portugal and her possessions. * * *

Respectfully, yours,

SOLOMON BERLINER,
United States Consul

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, *September 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that the plague situation is very much improved, the number of cases reported to the sanitary board showing that the epidemic is subsiding.

I inclose for your information an abstract showing the number of cases and deaths from plague reported to the board from January, 1899, to date. This probably represents about one-half of the cases actually occurring in the colony. Later, after more time for observation and investigation, I will respectfully submit a fuller report.

Respectfully, yours,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONGKONG, *September 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of medical inspection work in connection with the United States consulate at this port during the week ended September 2, 1899, and the inclosed tabulated data shows the transactions for this period.

A rigid inspection is made of all ships clearing for United States and Philippine ports, and the United States bill of health is not issued until a careful examination is made of all the steerage passengers and crew. All that have febrile disturbance, a temperature above 37.5° C. or show suspicious enlargement of the lymphatic glands, are rejected, and care is taken to see that they are sent on shore before I leave the ship. All rejections are those suspected of being infected with plague, as no other epidemic or contagious disease now prevails in Hongkong.

The total number of deaths in the city (estimated population of 248,710) for the week was 96, which includes 1 death from whooping cough, 1 from dysentery, 1 from enteric fever, and 16 from tubercle of lungs.

There has been little change in the plague epidemic during the past three weeks, and a few cases continue to occur, although at times two or three days have elapsed without report of a case. During the week there were 14 cases and 14 deaths.

Respectfully, yours,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for week ended September 9, 1899.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of cabin passengers.	Number of steerage passengers.	Number rejected.
Aug. 28	Ger. ss. Tai Lee.....	Manila, P. I.....	36	9	49	10
Aug. 29	Jap. ss. America Maru (a)....	San Francisco, Cal..	174	7	80	5
Aug. 30	Fr. str. Hailan.....	Manila, P. I.....	38	0	73	9
Aug. 31	Br. ss. Ghazee (b).....	New York, N. Y.....				
Do.....	Chinese launch Yon On	Manila, P. I.....	9	0	0	1
Sept. 1	Aus. ss. Dunor.....	do.....	20	0	0	0
Sept. 2	U. S. ss. Olympia.....	Tacoma, Wash.....	69	1	50	1
Do.....	Ger. ss. Marie Jebesen.....	Manila, P. I.....	32	0	12	1
Do.....	U. S. ss. Wianus.....	do.....	63	6	25	4
Do.....	U. S. ss. Vizcoza.....	do.....	54	1	9	1

^a Crew and steerage passengers bathed, and baggage and effects disinfected with steam.

^b Supplemental bill of health.

HONGKONG, *September 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report of transactions at Hongkong, China, for the week ended September 9, 1899, with the added information that 13 cases and 12 deaths from plague were reported to the sanitary board for the period.

Respectfully, yours,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

October 27, 1899

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[Inclosure.]

Vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, for week ended September 9, 1899.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of cabin passengers.	Number of steerage passengers.	Number rejected.
Sept. 3	Br. ss. Australian.....	Manila, P. I.....	72	5	59	1
Sept. 4	Br. ss. Yuen Sang.....	do.....	70	18	154	10
Sept. 6	Br. bk. Kelat.....	San Francisco, Cal..	32	0	0	0
Sept. 7	U. S. ss. City of Peking(a).....	do.....	130	27	126	11
Do.....	Br. ss. Diamanti.....	Manila, P. I.....	71	10	89	7
Do.....	Br. ss. Chingtee.....	do.....	79	10	47	5
Sept. 8	Br. str. White Cloud.....	do.....	30	0	0	0
Sept. 9	Br. ss. Sung Kiang.....	do.....	66	11	92	4

a Crew and steerage passengers bathed, their baggage and effects disinfected with steam.

Plague reported at Niuchwang and Yingkon.

CHEFOO, CHINA, *August 25, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copies of 2 circulars sent to the consular body by the Russian vice-consul, and to draw your attention particularly to the expression used therein, "the military governor of Kwangtung." Kwangtung is the native term for all China outside the great wall, embracing Mongolia, Manchuria, etc. While I have long been satisfied that the country was under Russian control, this is, I believe, the first instance that the Russians have used that title in their correspondence with foreigners.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN FOWLER,
Consul.

Hon. E. H. CONGER,
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the
United States of America, Peking, China.*

[Inclosure No. 1—Circular to the members of the consular body.]

CHEFOO, CHINA, *August 18, 1899.*

I beg to inform you that I have received a telegram from the military governor of Kwangtung saying that the ports of Niuchwang and Yingkon have been by him infected ports, and measures have been taken by him to prevent the infection spreading to Port Arthur and Talienwan.

N. POPPE,
Acting Vice-Consul for Russia.

[Inclosure No. 2.—Circular to the members of the consular body.]

CHEFOO, CHINA, *August 19, 1899.*

I beg to inform you that I have received a telegram from the military governor of Kwangtung saying that as the existence of bubonic plague in Niuchwang has been confirmed, and as no strict measures have been taken to prevent the infection spreading to Chefoo, all ships going from Niuchwang, via Chefoo, to Port Arthur and for Talienwan will be declared infected and detained in quarantine. Measures have also been taken against the admitting of Chinese coolies at Port Arthur and for Talienwan, and no further bills of health for ships destined for these ports will be issued here if coolies are found on board as passengers.

N. POPPE,
Acting Vice-Consul.